Unani and Homoeopathic medicines for the beneficiaries,

A system 'or indenting Unani medicines which are not available in the dispensaries is being evolved.

Purchase of a second super computer

*216. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase a second super computer; and

(b,) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND] SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The procurement of a Super Computer for Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is visualised,

(b) The initial scrutiny of different mo. dels have been completed and the final decision on the choice of the system is yet to be taken.

Defence production unit at Saintala

*217. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Defence production unit at Saintala in Bolangir district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the approximate number of people who have been given employment in the said unit;

(c) whether Government propose to give priority in employment to the local people; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One hundred and sixteen so far.

(c) and (d) Direct recruitment at the level of Group C and Group D is made only through local employment exchange. All vacancies are justified to the local district employment exchange. The eligible candidates sponsored by the local employment exchange are interviewed by a Selection Board and those found suitable are offered appointment. In some cases where candidates fulfilling job requirement are not available, the local employment exchange notifies the vacancies to the neighbouring district employment exchanges.

Research in Cold Fusion

*218 SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA;

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent reports about the break through achieved by scientists Dr. Pons and Dr. F. Licochman in the field of 'Cold Fusion' for inexpensive power production;

(b) whether these experiments have been duplicated and evaluated in India by our research scientists;

(c) if so, what is the expected projected effect of this development on India's power production or economy;

(d) whether the use of metals Titanium and Palladium increased the world price of these inputs; and

(e) whether these metals are available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN); (a) Government is aware that Dr. Pons and Dr. Fleisehmann have re, cently announced results of their experiments relating to "Cold Fusion" using palladium as cathode and platinum as anode and lithium chloride